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FOR JONES, HYNDMAN AND SCHIELE WITH USIPU DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, PORG

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF THE ENHANCED-RADIATION
WEAPON LISBON IPU MEETING

REF: A) LUXEMBOURG 335; B) PARIS 10124

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3. IT IS THE CONVICTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE

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6. THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO SEEKING BALANCED ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT REDUCING THE ARMS RACE, ESPECIALLY THE COMPETITION IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE UNITED STATES IS CONTINUING TO PRESS FORWARD TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE OF A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN. THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO BRING THE CURRENT STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS TO A SUCCESSFUL
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CONCLUSION. OVER THE LONGER TERM, THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK RECIPROCAL REDUCTIONS IN NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS, WITH THE GOAL OF EVENTUALLY ELIMINATING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENALS OF STATES.

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